

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) A vending machine control program rewrite system for rewriting a control program of a vending machine, comprising:
a storage unit that stores a control program;

a receiver adapted to receive from a host computer

a new version of the control program, and

new data mapping information associated with the new version of the control program;

a rewriter adapted to rewrite said storage unit to update a current version of the control program to said new version of the control program;

a remapping portion that remaps data used by said current version of the control program based on said new data mapping information, so that said remapped data remapped by the remapping portion is capable of being can be used by said new version of said control program; and

a controller for executing said new version of the control program stored in said storage unit.

23. (Previously Presented) The vending machine control program rewrite system recited in claim 22, wherein

the receiver is adapted to receive new attribute information for said new version of the control program; and

said rewriter includes a rewrite determinator adapted to determine, based on said new attribute information received from the host computer, whether or not to rewrite said storage unit to update a current version of the control program to said new version of the control program.

24. (Previously Presented) The vending machine control program rewrite system recited in claim 22, further comprising

a rewriting portion that stores a rewrite program therein, and
wherein said rewriter rewrites said storage unit to update a current version of the control program to said new version of the control program by executing said rewrite program.

25. (Previously Presented) The vending machine control program rewrite system recited in claim 22, wherein

said receiver is adapted to receive from the host computer a rewrite program with said new version of the control program, and

said rewriter rewrites said storage unit to update a current version of the control program to said new version of the control program by executing said rewrite program received from the host computer.

26. (Previously Presented) The vending machine control program rewrite system recited in claim 22, wherein

said receiver is adapted to receive from the host computer a data remapping program for carrying out remapping of said data with said new version of the control program, and

said rewriter performs data remapping by executing said received data remapping program.

27. (Previously Presented) The vending machine control program rewrite system recited in claim 22, wherein said storage unit is a rewritable memory.

28. (Currently Amended) A vending machine control device, comprising
a storage unit that stores a control program;
an arithmetic and logic unit for executing said control program stored in the storage unit,
a communication controller adapted to control communication with a host computer in
which the control device receives from the host computer
a new version of the control program, and
data mapping information associated with the new version of the control program;
a rewriter adapted to
rewrite the control program from a current version stored in said storage unit to said new version
of the control program received from the host computer via said communication controller, and
execute a data remapping program with reference to said data mapping information received
from the host computer to remap data used by said current version of said control program so
that said data ~~can be~~ is capable of being used by said new version of the control program.

29. (Previously Presented) The vending machine control device recited in claim 28,
wherein

 said communication controller is adapted to control communication with a host computer
in which the control device receives from the host computer attribute information of said new
version of the control program; and

 said rewriter has a rewrite determinator adapted to determine based on said attribute
information received from the host computer whether or not said current version of the control
program should be rewritten to said new version of the control program.

30. (Previously Presented) The vending machine control device recited in claim 28,
wherein said rewriter

 includes a rewrite program store previously storing a rewrite program for rewriting the
control program, and

 performs rewrite of the control program by executing said rewrite program.

31. (Previously Presented) The vending machine control device recited in claim 28, wherein said rewriter performs rewrite of the control program by executing a rewrite program received from the host computer.

32. (Previously Presented) The vending machine control device recited in claim 28, wherein said rewriter, when performing rewriting of the control program to new one of the control program, executes said data remapping program with reference to data mapping information received from the host computer to remap data used by said current version of the control program so that said data can be used by said new version of the control program.

33. (Currently Amended) A vending machine control program rewrite system for rewriting a control program of a vending machine, comprising:

a storage unit storing a control program;

a receiver adapted to receive

a new version of the control program from a host computer, and

new data mapping information used by said new version of the control program,
and

a remapping program;

a rewriter adapted to rewrite said control program in said rewritable memory from a current version of said control program to a new version of the control program;

a data remapping portion that executes the remapping program in order to remap data used by said current version of the control program, based on current and said new data mapping information, so that said data ~~can beis~~ capable of being used by said new version of the control program; and

a control device including a controller for executing said new control program,

34. (Previously Presented) The vending machine control program rewrite system according to claim 33, wherein said receiver receives said new version of the control program to in accordance with a predetermined schedule.

35. (Previously Presented) The vending machine control program rewrite system according to claim 33, wherein:

 said receiver receives a new attribute information for said new version of the control program; and

 said rewriter includes a rewrite determinator adapted to determine, based on said new attribute information, whether or not a current version of said control program should be rewritten to said new version of the control program.

36. (Previously Presented) The vending machine control program rewrite system according to claim 33, said control device having a rewrite program previously stored therein, wherein said rewriter performs rewrite of the control program to said new one by executing said rewrite program.

37. (Previously Presented) The vending machine control program rewrite system according to claim 33, wherein:

 said receiver receives a rewrite program for rewriting to said new one of the control program; and

 said rewriter performs rewrite of a current version of said control program to said new version of said control program by executing said rewrite program received from the host computer.

38. (Previously Presented) The vending machine control program rewrite system according to claim 33, wherein said rewriter performs data remapping by executing said data remapping program received from the host computer.

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